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February 14, 2012

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

27 February 14, 2012

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

RESOLUTION ADOPTION FOR THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES LOCAL LEVEE EVALUATION GRANT (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 2 AND 4) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

This action is to adopt a Resolution, as required by the Local Levee Critical Repair and Local Levee Evaluation Grant under Proposition 84, authorizing the submittal of an application for funding of the Compton Creek and Dominguez Channel Flood Risk Mitigation Alternatives Study by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, as well as to authorize the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or her designee to conduct all negotiations and to execute and submit all documents required in connection with the grant application.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, or her designee, to submit a grant application to the California Department of Water Resources for funding under the Local Levee Critical Repair and Local Levee Evaluation Grant Program for the Compton Creek and Dominguez Channel Flood Risk Mitigation Alternatives Study and to conduct all negotiations and prepare and submit all documents and other information required in connection with the grant application.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to enable the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) to apply for grant funding under the State's Proposition 84 Local Levee Evaluation Program, in an amount not to exceed \$1.7 million, to partially fund the LACFCD's Compton Creek and Dominguez Channel Flood Risk Mitigation Alternatives Study (Study). The purpose of the Study is to identify, analyze, and rank alternatives for mitigating flood risks along Compton Creek and Dominguez Channel.

The grant program requires the governing board of an applicant to adopt a Resolution approving the filing of a grant application. The enclosed Resolution has been prepared to conform to these requirements. If awarded grant funds, the LACFCD will return to your Board for authority to accept the grant funds and to execute a Grant Agreement.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1), Community and Municipal services (Goal 3), and Public Safety (Goal 5) by actively seeking grant funds to augment the County's funding sources, improving the quality of life for residents, and reducing flooding hazards throughout the area.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The total cost of completing the Study is estimated at \$3.1 million. Sufficient funds for this project are included in the Fiscal Year 2011–12 Flood Control District Fund Budget. If the Local Levee Evaluation Grant is awarded, up to \$1.7 million could be reimbursed to the LACFCD.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

In November 2006, the voters of California enacted the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Act of 2006 (Proposition 84), which provided funds for programs to repair and evaluate local levees and flood control facilities. Through Proposition 84, the Local Levee Critical Repair (LLCR) strategy and the Local Levee Evaluation (LOLE) strategy of the Local Levee Assistance Program (LLAP) were created.

The objective of the LOLE strategy is to assist local flood management agencies with the funding necessary to conduct surveys, hydrology and hydraulic studies, and geotechnical evaluations of levees that are at risk of failing and, therefore, at risk of not meeting the Title 44, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 65.10, requirements.

The LACFCD conducted a Levee Certification Study of the levees it operates and maintains as a result of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Map Modernization Program. The LACFCD study revealed the levees along Compton Creek and Dominguez Channel could not be certified as providing protection against a one-percent annual chance storm event as required by FEMA. Property owners with federally backed mortgages in communities protected by these uncertified levees may be subject to mandatory flood insurance requirements and increased flood insurance premiums if mapped into flood hazard areas by FEMA. To address the deficient levees, the LACFCD is conducting the Study. The purpose of the Study is to identify, analyze, and rank alternatives for mitigating increased flood risks along Compton Creek and Dominguez Channel.

In September 2011, the California Department of Water Resources published "Guidelines for

Providing Funding to Local Public Agencies under Proposition 84 of 2006," detailing the conditions and requirements of the LLCR and LOLE Programs. Under the LOLE Program, feasibility studies including hydraulic and freeboard deficiency analyses are available for grant funding. The guidelines state that project costs incurred after June 30, 2008, are eligible for reimbursement. The Study meets these requirements and is eligible for partial reimbursement under the LOLE section of the LLAP.

The Resolution has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The submittal of the grant application does not constitute a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is an activity that is excluded from the definition of a project by Section 15378(b) of the CEQA Guidelines. This proposed action would create a government funding mechanism that does not involve any commitment to a specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Adoption of this Resolution will not have an impact on current services or projects currently planned. Projects proposed in the completed Study will enhance the quality of life for the residents by addressing potential flooding in the Carson, Compton, Gardena, Long Beach, Los Angeles, and unincorporated County areas.

CONCLUSION

Please return two adopted copies of this letter and two copies of the signed Resolution to the Department of Public Works, Watershed Management Division.

Respectfully submitted,



GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office

RESOLUTION NO. ____

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, APPROVING THE
APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE LOCAL LEVEE CRITICAL REPAIR
AND LOCAL LEVEE EVALUATION GRANT UNDER THE SAFE DRINKING WATER,
WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY, FLOOD CONTROL, AND RIVER AND COASTAL
PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2006 (PROPOSITION 84)**

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) is currently performing the Compton Creek and Dominguez Channel Flood Risk Mitigation Study (Study); and

WHEREAS, the Study is eligible for grant funds authorized under Proposition 84;
and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Water Resources has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the grant program authorized under Proposition 84 and for establishing procedures for implementing the program; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the California Department of Water Resources require that an applicant's governing board certify, by resolution, the approval of the application before submission of said application to the California Department of Water Resources; and

WHEREAS, if the application is approved, the applicant will be required to enter into an Agreement with the California Department of Water Resources pertaining to the use of the grant funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, acting as the governing body of the LACFCD, hereby:

1. Approves and authorizes the filing of an application for grant funds under the Proposition 84 Grant Program for the Study;
2. Certifies that the LACFCD understands the assurances and certification in the application;
3. Certifies that the LACFCD will have sufficient funds to complete and manage the Study;
4. Authorizes the Chief Engineer of the LACFCD or her designee to conduct all negotiations and to prepare and submit all documents and other information in connection with the grant application referred to in paragraph 1.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted on the 14th day of February, 2012, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles acting as the governing body of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.



SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By 
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOHN F. KRATTLI
Acting County Counsel

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